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Title of the Invention: Apparatus and method for controlling copy of video signal

The applicant is notified that the present application has been rejected for the reasons given below. Any Argument according to Article 63 of the Korean Patent Law or Amendment according to Article 47(2-3) of the Korean Patent Law which the applicant may wish to submit, must be submitted by June 30, 2001. An indefinite number of one-month extensions in the period for submitting a response may be obtained upon request, however no official confirmation of the acceptance of a request for an extension will be issued.

Reasons

The invention described in the claims 1 through 8 could have been easily invented by one skilled in the art prior to the filing of the application, and thus this application is rejected according to Article 29 (2) of the Korean Patent Law.

The invention relates to a video signal recording/reproducing apparatus, and the gist of the invention is an apparatus an method for controlling copy of a video signal, for detecting a copy preventing signal, stopping recording and informing that a video signal is protected from copy when the video signal having the copy preventing signal is recorded. However,

1. In comparison with a cited invention, Korea Patent Publication No. 1998-052601 (published 25 September 1998), titled "Apparatus for detecting copy-protection video tape in VCR", the present invention described in the claims 1, 5, and 7 is considered to be similar to the cited invention described in the claims 1 and 2, in detecting a copy-preventing signal and displaying an OSD.

2. The present invention is considered to be different from the cited invention in determining whether a copy-preventing signal is detected using a threshold value for pulse counting as described in the claims 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8. However, this is considered to be easily invented by selecting widely known macro-vision signal techniques as described in

the detailed description and combining them. Therefore, difficulty in inventing the configuration is not accepted.

Therefore, the invention is considered to have been possibly invented from the technique of detecting a copy-preventing signal of the cited invention.

Enclosure: Korea Patent Publication No. 1998-052601 (published 25 September 1998).

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